

2000 Forestry Incentives Program



Rhode Island Summary

Overview

Rhode Island has had no participation in the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) in FY 2000. An FIP allocation of \$2,700 was received for FY 2000, which could assist two or three applicants with thinning and releasing practices. Rhode Island has about 300,000 forested acres, about 45 percent of the state; however, many of these acres are small parcels with mixed land use, such as single family houses with several excess acres in woodland. Additional woodland acres are forested wetlands protected by State regulations.

Accomplishments

The Natural Resources Conservation Service received some inquiries about the FIP program, but received no applications this year. Program brochures were mailed to the interested parties. Outreach included an article in a Farm Service Agency newsletter to producers.

Customer Focus

At this time, there are no success stories to report. In past years, the response was the same and Rhode Island FIP funds were sent to other states to aid their customers.

Outlook

The greatest need in Rhode Island for FIP is for FP2, Improving a Stand of Forest Trees. Using thinning, releasing, and pruning practices to improve existing stands of overstocked and poor quality timber, the State can benefit the most from the limited funds.

The potential for landowner participation in FIP is significant if an adequate outreach program is developed. At this time, NRCS relies heavily on the state forester to develop potential customers for the program, but should take a more active role in advertising and marketing the program to get it off the ground. If adequately marketed, additional funding beyond \$2,700 would probably be needed.

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Rhode Island Congressional Districts



Rhode Island FIP Dollars and Contracts

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	\$0	0	\$0	0
District 2	0	0	0	0
State Totals	\$0	0	\$0	0

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